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New Sodality For Students

With the opening of the new school year, Our Lady's Sodality has been organized in St. Brendan's under the direction of Father John F. Regan. Convening every Monday afternoon, the Sodality is an effective means of training souls for Catholic Action.

Each year has its own faculty member as moderator. These moderators are from Freshman through Senior year respectively: Sister Agnes Rosaire, Sister Thomas Angela, Sister James Immaculate, and Sister Mary Michaelita. These advisors conduct the meeting which includes the recitation of the rosary, a lecture, and a class discussion on varied topics.

Candidates for the Sodality must be above average Catholic girls who, having found out what a Sodality is, are willing to live according to the rules. The candidate shares in all the privileges granted to a Sodalist. It is hoped that membership in the Sodality will develop in each girl a deep devotion and filial love for Mary.

Seton Hall to Join Glee Club for Winter Concert

At Walt Whitman Auditorium, on the afternoon of December 2, Saint Brendan's Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Christine McLoughlin, will present a joint concert with the Seton Hall Male Glee Club.

Opening the concert, the two Glee Clubs will harmonize their alto, soprano, tenor and bass voices in the song, "It's a Grand Night for Singing" by Rodgers and Hammerstein. Saint Brendan's will then sing, "You'll Never Walk Alone," "Out of My Dreams" and "I Enjoy Being a Girl," all arranged by the same composers. Other selections include "The Two Magicians" by Pearl Curran, and "Oh! Sing Your Songs" by Noble Cain.

Reverend Govern, director of the Seton Hall Glee Club from Patchogue, Long Island, has selected the following numbers for his performance: "Ave Maria," "Swanee," "Vive L'Amour," and "Moon River." The two Glee Clubs will sing four songs together, and ten others divided between them. Differing from last year's musicale at this time, Christmas songs will not be included. Following the concert there will be a dance at Saint Brendan's Auditorium for the boys and girls who participated in the concert.



Pride glows on the faces of Elizabeth Driscoll and Rose Killerlane as they accept their Letters of Commendation.

Forensic Wins Trophy In Their First Tournament

At the first major speech tournament of the year, sponsored by Saint Agnes, College Point, St. Brendan's Forensic Society, as they have in the past, emerged victorious by winning the third place team trophy, achieving 64 points, while Brooklyn Prep in second place scored 65 and Xavierian in first place, 72, out of the seventeen schools participating in competition.

Individual first place varsity trophies were also awarded to Winnie Kender (406) and Sanita Harper (304) for their participation in the events of extemporaneous speech and declamation, respectively. On the

Jayvee level, extempores, Rosemary Schaller (404) and Heide Oechsner (202) received first and second place medals along with Terry Doner (304) who secured second place in Declamation.

The other upcoming events of the new season will include the annual debate trips to Jeffersonville, New York on October 20; Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, the weekend of January 19; Georgetown University, Washington D.C., on February 16; the Holy Cross College Debates in Worcester, Massachusetts on February 23; and the Providence College Tournament in Providence, Rhode Island on April 6.

Leo Honor Members Receive Pins At Second Walt Whitman Assembly

On October 17 at Walt Whitman Auditorium, the student body assembled for the induction of thirty-three new members into the Leo Honor Society and the official inauguration of our new Student Council executives, Donna Gangi, Theresa Sparaco, Mary Alice Perrotta and Kathryn Berry. Sister John Berchmans addressed the assembly and presented the Leo Honor girls and the school officers with their pins.

At the assembly the president of each of the activities gave a short speech on the function and contribution of their respective activities. A new custom was initiated at the assembly as the Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman years received color bars of gold, white, green, and burnt orange, respectively and the significance of each color explained.

The eleven newly accepted Seniors in the Leo Honor Society are: Christine Alessi, Margaret Connor, Anne Marie De Lia, Virginia Farinaro, Renee Forget, Kathleen Kennedy, Mary Jane McGoe, Michele McNully, Amelia Penzavecchia, Lucille Rossini, and Mary Tedesco. The twenty-two Juniors are: Kathleen Ahern, Marie Armento, Joan Bachi, Linda De Lio, Andrea Dewarde, Romyne Elia, Rose Farrell, Rosemarie Gaeta, Marie In-serra, Mary Jordan, Patricia Lione, Theresa Lupo, Vivian Malone, Patricia Maltz, Nancy Manno, Jo Ann Messina, Carol O'Donnell, Annette Patella, Edith Petrello, Judith Poje, Barbara Siegnano, and Margaret Whelan.



The new Leo Honor members proudly pose for their group picture.

Two Seniors Receive National Merit Awards

Two seniors from Saint Brendan's have been honored for their high performance on the National Merit Scholarship Test given last Spring. Elizabeth Driscoll of Room 101 and Rose Killerlane of Room 102 have been awarded Letters of Commendation which places them in the top two percent of all high school seniors.

Awarded for excellent performance on the qualifying test, the Letters of Commendation signify noteworthy accomplishment and academic promise. They also provide tangible recognition of their high ability.

The commended students were among the high school juniors in more than 16,000 schools who took the N.M.S.A.T. last March. The test is a three hour examination, covering five separate areas of educational development.

The objective of the Merit Program is to encourage academic excellence and to enable recipients to continue their education.

Although the commended students do not receive Merit Scholarships, they are considered for certain other scholarships that are offered through the facilities of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The Merit Corporation sends the names and test scores of all commended students to the two colleges of their choice indicated on their applications. Many other special services are performed for these deserving students by the National Merit Scholastic Corporation.

Plans Underway For Sing Along

Plans for the 1963 "Sing," sponsored by the Student Council and to be held on Saint Valentine's Day, are already underway.

Committee meetings are taking place and arrangements are being made for the selection of moderators for each year. The selection of title and plot outline was submitted to Mrs. McNeil by October 10, who reported back at a meeting on October 18.

The plot outlines will be developed and try-outs for parts will take place before November 8, so that the show can go into rehearsal directly after mid-terms.

Girls, now is the time to demonstrate your talents to the world, try out for the "Sing!"

Mission Club Inaugurates Plans of Action for '62

The chores and challenges planned by the Mission Club for the 1962-1963 year are innumerable. Under the direction of Sister Regina Catherine, a representative from each class will assist in all its activities.

Representatives meet every Monday in the Biology Lab. Various committees of ten will be organized, each responsible for the collection of the donated articles. Contributions will be sent to the needy parishes of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Stamps will be collected each Thursday to be later cut, separated, and organized by the Legion of Mary. Cancer pads will be made from old sheets and pillow cases. Class contributions also include mite box donations, costume jewelry, wool, toys and dolls. To date, paper back books have been sent to Veteran Hospitals at Fort Hamilton and at Northport. Through a generous benefactor two chalices have also been donated to a Diocesan Seminary.

The class contributing the most during each month will receive a gift raffled off in the winning classroom. The October winners will draw for a five-dollar bond from A&S.



Girls devote spare time to help the missions.

Italian, Earth Science Courses Supplement Present Curriculum

In keeping with modern trends in education, Saint Brendan's High School has revamped its program and introduced into its curriculum new subjects. Both the science and language departments have expanded to provide new courses.

In our "shrinking world" a knowledge of languages is becoming a practical necessity. Because of this fact, Italian, initiated in our school this year, is now being taken by one Sophomore class. It is being taught according to the Audio Lingual (ALM) Method, which makes use of tapes and gives the students opportunity to converse with proper Italian enunciation. This routine is also applied in French which has been given to one Freshman class.

Eleventh Year Math, formerly in-

cluded in the Senior program only, is scheduled for third year classes. This shift will enable mathematically inclined girls to take Twelfth Year Math in their Senior year. To succeed in our space endeavors, it is essentially important that we first have a definite knowledge of our own world. A study of Earth Science gives a well-grounded understanding of the composition and atmosphere of this planet. This course also has been incorporated in the Junior and Senior curriculum.

A well-rounded education is a prerequisite for the success and leadership in any field. The shift in our program will enable our students ultimately to achieve this goal, and immediately assist them in their College Boards and Scholarship Tests.

Time Will Tell

The Pied Piper of Progress steadily leads youth onward to greater heights. Throughout history a fresh, enthusiastic generation has pushed forward to build, invent, govern and explore. Likewise, in the twentieth century, breakthroughs in government, science, space, business education, religion and the arts have given this present "take-over" generation a prominent and definite role in the future of America.

This eruption of spirit which characterizes today's youth must also profile you as high school students. To your school work you must bring this same fresh enthusiasm that built our thriving cities out of virgin forest lands, that formulated a government which gave man his unalienable rights, that sent Glenn, Shepard, and Schirra orbiting around the earth.

Active participation in school projects can lay the groundwork for future activity in community affairs. Contribute your ideas and thoughts to club and classroom discussions. Learn to be articulate in expressing your views and suggestions. This ability to speak well will prove invaluable in your future career.

Take advantage of the training school offers by equipping yourself to function effectively in your chosen field. Capable and responsible leaders of Catholic Action are sorely needed in major areas of expansion such as, education and medicine. Whether you be a teacher, nurse or social worker you must have a positive influence upon those with whom you come in contact. The ideas and skills developed during high school will be the means through which you can effect some change for the betterment of your neighbors and future generations.

Tomorrow's success, therefore, will be as complete as today's preparation.

Spotlight on:

DONNA GANGI



Donna opens school day with a prayer.

A Tiny Ring

by Kathleen Duffy

Most Precious Jewel of the Earth,
Ruby, Diamond, Pearl;
The tiniest treasure of the earth
Belongs to a little girl.
Worn upon her finger
On her small white hand;
Worn upon her finger
Set in a thin gold band.
Yes, little Jewel do sparkle,
And add to her delight
Like a small white snowflake
On a wintry night.



GRANT THAT FROM
THIS COUNCIL
THERE MAY COME
ABUNDANT FRUITS

Autumn ~ ~ ~ A Symbol

The late September rain was falling steadily as I made my way home through the quiet city blocks. Despite its steady patter, a strange stillness seemed to pervade the air, broken only by the occasional rustling of autumn leaves beneath my feet. The inclement weather had led all others to seek the warmth and comfort of their homes, and so I walked down the deserted street alone.

In spite of the many times I had walked down this block before, somehow I had failed to see the beauty I saw today. A new vista unfurled before my eyes as I witnessed the last traces of summer meet the first hints of the fall. Tree after tree was dabbled with specks of red, orange, yellow, and brown, and the reflection of these colors in the rain-rainbow spread over the entire city street.

As I reached my door, I turned around for one last look at the beauty surrounding me. A gust of wind rustled softly through the tree tops, and I watched as it carried a multi-colored red leaf skyward, until it vanished from my sight. At that moment I could see the manifestation of our lives in the fall. We are the leaves struggling against the hardships and temptations of daily life. God is the vastness of the sky, seemingly so far and so intangible. Yet just as one little leaf was carried up so far, we too, shall be raised up to the happiness of eternal life.

Interviewing:

REV. WILLIAM RICHARDSON

A Maryknoll mission on the Formosa coast facing Red China has been "home" for Father William Richardson for the past six years. After his graduation from Brooklyn Prep, Father entered Maryknoll, was ordained in 1956, and then sent to Formosa. Last week, Father, home on furlough, spoke to the *Stella* Staff about his missionary work and the importance of Catholics in journalism. For in addition to his religious duties, he had served as Formosa Correspondent for Fides International News, the Maryknoll News Service, and Maryknoll Magazine.

Father Richardson's journalism work took him throughout most of the Orient and he now speaks the most difficult dialect of the Chinese language, Tiawanese. When you speak to Father you can actually feel the love and zeal with which he does his work. The missionaries in the Orient do not have an easy job spreading the teaching of Christ. For along with the Chinese religion goes social and family traditions. Therefore when a Chinese person converts to Catholicism, many times he severs family ties. His family and friends scorn and even laugh at him. These are the reasons why only 700 out of 70,000 people are Catholic.

Father Richardson stressed the need for young people to become "internationally minded." We cannot ignore the needs of our neighbor. Nor can we preach God to people who are hungry and have no shelter. Many opportunities are open to students such as the Graille movement and the Catholic Family movement. If Catholic youth would be so generous as to donate a year or two to mission work, much more could be accomplished than by leaving all the work to the religious missionaries. We can help even here at home by showing the Catholic way of life to foreign students.

That Elusive Touch

Lilting strains of music fill Convention Hall and all America applauds a newly elected queen. In their living rooms across the nation, thousands of starry-eyed girls secretly dream of themselves as "Miss America."

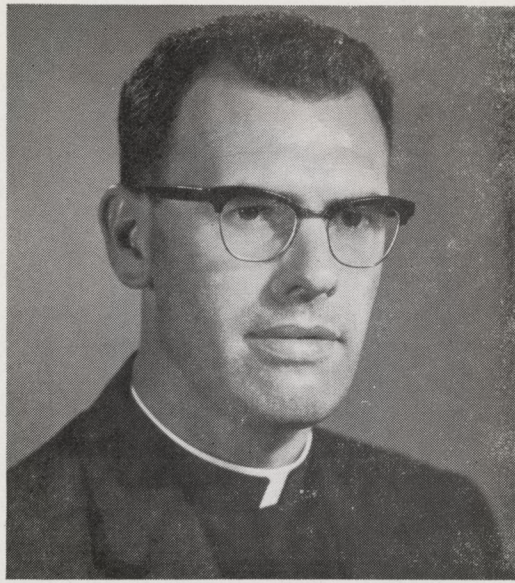
What makes Miss America so appealing? Essentially, the quality that lifts her above the average girl to be admired by all is that basic female quality . . . femininity.

Contrary to popular opinion, femininity is neither long skirts and high collars nor a coy flutter of false eyelashes.

Femininity combines two basic qualities: grace of manner and strength of will. Many seemingly insignificant details are involved before a graceful manner can be achieved. A soft, melodious voice and a meticulous appearance contribute toward it. Tastefully chosen clothes are an integral part also. A truly feminine girl is well on her way being a strong woman. Happy and smiling, she seems to have an inner strength that makes her do what she is supposed to do without a "holier-than-thou" air. This girl is selfless. She goes out of her way to do something asked of her.

Currently, there is a twisted idea that femininity involves a strict adherence to all the latest fads. Bouffant hairdos were a fad, something that the "crowd" did, perhaps blindly. Soon however, this will be over for smooth, sleek hairstyles will be "the thing" in less than six months. Loud noise is a negative quantity. It has no part in a graceful person. A girl's beauty is her youthful wholesomeness and vitality.

What does it matter if you're never Miss America? You have the opportunity to develop in yourself those qualities of grace and of strength that will enable you to be truly womanly and feminine.



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Clubs Elect Officers To Preside This Year

Another year of activities for the students of Saint Brendan's High School has resumed. Here is our roster of clubs, their moderators, and newly elected officers:

Anchor: Sister Thomas Angela; Co-editors: Phyllis Esposito, Barbara Dwyer.

Art Club: Mrs. Pierre Charpentier, Mrs. Albert Izzo.

Brandy's Debs: Sister Cecilia Madeline; President: Judy Lo Monaco.

Bowling Club: Mrs. Peter Farrell; Manager: Mary Maloney.

Cheerleaders: Sister Eugenio; Captain: Marilyn Behr.

Dramatic Club: Sister Mary Robert; Coach: Wayne Wright.

Forsenic League: Sister Mary Dolores; Coach: John Sexton; President: Joanne Miscione.

French Club: Mrs. Howard Bulger; President: Margaret Connor.

Future Nurses of America: Sister Catherine Alonzo; President: Pat Quigney.

Future Teachers of America: Sister Catherine Alonzo; President: Anne Seiz.

Glee Club: Sister Joan Bernadette, Sister Catherine Roberta; Directress: Miss Christine McLoughlin; President: Alberta Pometto.

Guardian Angel: Sister Eugenio, Sister Columbia.

Leo Honor Society: Sister Mary Genevieve; President: Joanne Miscione.

Library Club: Sister Celestine; President: Jo-anne Hart.

Orchestra: Sister Theresa Immaculate; Directress: Miss Juliet Bel-sito; President: Mary Claro.

Social Club: Sister Marie Jean.

Sodality:

Seniors: Sister Michaelita

Juniors: Sister James Immaculate

Sophomores: Sister Thomas Angela

Freshmen: Sister Agnes Rosaire

Stella Matutina: Sister Thomas Miriam; Editor: Lucille Rossini.

Student Council: Sister Emiliana; President: Donna Gangi.

Student Council Auxiliary: Sister Emiliana, Kathy Berry, Mary Alice Perrotta.

Varsity: Sister Agnes Rosaire; Captain: Kathy Berry.

Young Christian Students: Sister Joan Bernadette.

Sister Theresa Immaculate

President: Jo Anne Hart

Students cry, "Rest, rest," but there is no rest. Why stand we here idle? I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me activities or give me death!



Elaine Manna, Joan Dennihy, Paula Paladino, Patricia Cullen, Judy Lo Monaco and Mildred Melfi prepare their work for Congress.

Reforms Initiated By Student Council

After the first assembly of the scholastic year, the Student Council officially assumed its duties. Headed by the four officers, under the direction of Sister Emiliana, this year's council has initiated several reforms to attain its goal of solidifying the bond between faculty and student.

Composed of thirty-eight elected members, that is, the four officers, six Congress members, and each class president, our Student Council, through its various sponsored activities throughout the coming year, hopes to heighten and enrich school spirit. Each councilor voluntarily assists on a membership committee specifically organized to aid the council in planning such activities. By this plan, committees for the "Sing Along," and the publicity committee for the "Brendanite of the Month" competition have already been organized.

Besides molding school spirit, the Student Council also enforces school regulations before, during, and after school hours. Assisting the Student Council in rule enforcement but existing as a distinct organization of Juniors and Seniors, the S.C.A. promotes good order by serving posts and issuing detentions for violations.

As a reward for those students not receiving any detentions, one point will be added to their final average in January and June, depending on in which term the student received no detentions.

Stella and Anchor Both Achieve Highest Honors

The *Anchor* and the *Stella Matutina* have received honors for their excellence in the field of journalism and editing.

Under the guidance of Sister Thomas Angela and supervised by last year's co-editors, Mary Dowling and Evelyn Martin, the 1962 *Anchor* was awarded an A rating by the National School Yearbook Association. This places *Anchor* in the top 10% of the nation. It has also received "All Catholic" from the Catholic Press Association.

Directed by its new editors, Phyllis Esposito and Barbara Dwyer, the staff is presently in the process of assembling the 1963 edition. The Senior portraits have been taken and the extra-curricular activities of the 1963 graduates have been tabulated.

Due to the efforts of last year's editor, Barbara Pearson, and a well-trained staff the 1961-62 *Stella* was awarded first place certificate by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in its thirty-eighth annual contest.

The Catholic School Press Association has conferred the title "all Catholic" on our school publication. This is one of the most coveted awards a high school paper can obtain. Scoring 835 out of a possible 1,000, the *Stella* was rated excellent in such categories as Catholicity, uniformity, and appearance. Saint Bonaventure's University also bestowed a Certificate of Merit for literary achievement to the *Stella*.

Junior Travels to Italy; Attends School in Rome

Last year, Jo Anne Paolino, a petite, vivacious Junior from 404, was given a rare opportunity—a chance to study abroad. With her parents, she spent a year in Italy visiting friends and relatives and attending school.

At the beginning of the school year, Jo Anne was enrolled in Marymount International High School which caters to Americans living in Rome. The course she followed was similar to that which she would have studied at home. Added to her studies, however, was Italian, a language in which she is now proficient.

Jo Anne found her classmates "really sweet" and more willing to make new friends than the girls she had known at home. She was happy to discover that the boys she met were more poised than those she had known in Brooklyn. She was shocked, though, to observe the appalling poverty of many of the people who lacked the conveniences so common to Americans.

On returning home this summer, Jo Anne found it very difficult to become used to being an American again. Although she has returned to the familiar groove of life here, she will never forget her wonderful year abroad.



Jo-Anne Paolino feeds pigeons in an Italian square.

STELLASCOPE

Esmeralda Horner sat in a corner eating her luncheon dish; along came Arabella and sat down beside her and said, "Have you heard about this?" . . . Protractors selling at Maxie's, 2 for 9½ cents. . . There's a certain girl in 310 who needs protection. . . Neither rain nor sleet can stop 102's mailman's feet. . . "Recipe bonum soror". . . What History teacher will get a ball and chain for not paying her debts. . . How's Charley O'Neill. . . At the end of the movie. . . "There's going to be a showdown, girls." . . Do you have a dime for A.S.P.E.V.??? . . . Eels catch alligators, father eats raw potatoes. . . Lip reading, password, and charades, une bonne classe de français. . . ex i' gency, fas' ci nate, whoops, this is my English homework! . . . Why do

starry nights prompt blushes in 404? . . . Who in 408 will never be the same after hearing the mating call of a 400 year old tortoise? . . . The girls in 406 are in desperate need of guidance. . . Who is trying desperately to "Bring back Bert and Harry"? . . What cheerleader is a big flop? . . . October 4 is National Note Day. . . Who in 206 bought the gun that shot Caesar? . . . 302 has its own Crypt—Knicker Five. . . St. Brendan's is not the place to carry on xyz affairs. . . Who are the old lamp-lighters of Little Egypt. . . Attention—Cape Canaveral's new locale—406. . . The conference is over, you can wake up now! . . . And now Esmeralda that you've heard the hash; go home and do the Monster Mash.

Alumnae News

The Alumnae Association presented its first \$100 award to Pat Fennimore, a graduate of June '62. This award will be given annually to a deserving graduate recommended by the faculty for her scholastic achievement, moral outlook, and over-all school spirit.

Wedding bells will ring for Joan Wetterer '56 and William Barne-cott; Mary Wade '60 and Donald Conover. Engaged are Nancy Scheer '62 to Francis Baldassare; Dorothy Smith '62 to John Beresford.

Congratulations on the marriage of Carol May '61 to John Bevaque; Elizabeth Blacker '60 to Joseph Cilia; Christine Torres '59 to Frank Maltempi; Elaine Lo Manaco '59 to Roy Puglionesi and Kathy Abbamonte '59 to Richard Arena.

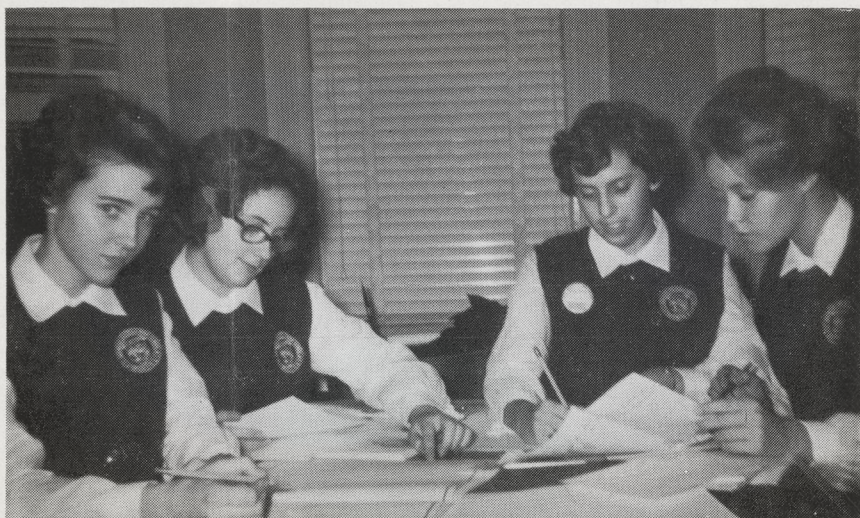
Barbara Portanova '60 has been chosen honorary cadet colonel of the Brooklyn College Air Force R.O.T.C.

From our '62 class Jean Curley, Mary Ellen Vesey, Marie Kahwaty, and Mary Fox have gone to Brentwood with Marybeth Reid of '61.

Rosemary Massei '62 has entered the Good Shepard Sisters. Dianne Illiano '60 has joined the Dominican Sisters Kentucky, Frances Belmonte '59 in the same order is now Sr. Frances Rosaire. Elizabeth Ann Currie '60 is now Sr. Mary Dorian of the Nursing Sisters of the Sick Poor, and Eileen Flato '61 was recently welcomed to the same order.

The Alumnae Association deeply regrets the death of Miss Frances Vaughan, former teacher and assistant administrator to the principal at St. Brendan's Elementary School, and past president of the Alumnae Association.

The class of '62 will be received into the Alumnae Association at its annual tea to be held November 18 at 2 P.M. in St. Brendan's Auditorium.



Anchor Editors Barbara Dwyer and Phyllis Esposito discuss their plans with Stella Editor Lucille Rossini and Evelyn Hann.

Careers....

Social Worker

Man's need of help in time of peril, poverty, decision, sickness, infancy and old age is as ancient as man. But the meeting of such needs as a profession is a product of this century. This field has grown so rapidly that many are unaware that social work is now one of the most diversified, as well as one of the better paid, of the helping professions.

The social worker might have for her office a settlement house, a hospital, an orphanage, or a corner candy store. A chronic run-away, a tubercular victim, a juvenile delinquent, the mentally ill are all her patients. It is her duty to settle their emotional disturbances. She follows a specific routine: makes friends, finds the source of the difficulty, and rectifies it.

A career in social work calls for six years study at college level, four years in any college or university in a general course, and then two more years in one of the accredited graduate schools offering the specialized training and supervised fields of work that leads to a Masters Degree. Salaries, once very low, now compare with those of people in other helping professions. This is a clear proof that social work does not demand a vow of poverty as many people mistakenly believe.

Young men and women who choose social work join a band of hardy fighters, striving to secure for all, the benefits we take for granted today. Social work is a science and an art. It is also a calling, demanding special qualities of both heart and mind. It is not only a way to make a living. It is a way of life.



The three-step approach for scoring a strike is illustrated by an active member of the Bowling Club.

New Official Rules For Basketball Team

The Varsity will meet their first opponents—Saint Brendan's Alumnae—on October 31, in the gymnasium. During the year our team will meet, among others, Mary Lewis, Catherine McAuley, O.L.P.H., Fontbonne, Stella Maris, and Saint Pascal Baylon. A new rule concerning a roving player will be initiated this season. The team which has the ball has one player who may cross the dividing line to her own basket, followed by her corresponding opponent. This new advantage, borrowed from Boy's Rules, will enable the ball to be carried across the line instead of being thrown, as in Girl's Rules.

Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders will be receiving new uniforms. They will be in our school col-

ors, blue and white, and in our traditional jumper style. Senior cheerleaders also cheering for Saint Francis Prep football team are: Marilyn Behr, Mary Alice Perrotta, Judy Lo Monaco, Janet Conaty, Patricia Cullen, Larene Eaton, Kathy Roland, Julie Giordano, Pat Chiarelli, Adrienne Morano, and Roseanne Legrand.

The reorganized Bowling Club, under the guidance of Mrs. Alice Farrell and the management of Mary Maloney (202) will meet at Avenue M Lanes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The following system of awards will be initiated this year. Attendance awards will be given to all girls who bowl faithfully every week. In January and June, the most improved team and the girl with the highest average will receive trophies.

A Report to Mars

FROM: Spasl Glob, Spy to Earth
TO: Aesl Bong, Marsial of Mars
CONCERNING: Expedition to Earth
Dear Aesl,

News is not good. I have received a traumatic shock. After embarking on earth, I emerged from my capsule expecting to make a study of the habits of the earth animal. To my surprise I discovered here an extremely intelligent species called human beans or man.

As we have already discovered, their planet has very poor atmospheric conditions. But the earth creature has adapted itself in many ways. For instance, the amount of radioactivity in the atmosphere has increased recently. To minimize the possibility of scalp penetration, the females have discovered an elementary process to swell their heads by matting the wires attached to the brain case. This is called teasing and, although it is more convenient than wearing an iron mask, it is decidedly less attractive.

Their planet is also very cold at night, so these marvellous creatures often spend their evenings at an evening rendezvous (similar to our Tic Vanny's). Here they engage in a series of convulsive twitches called the twist which warms all parts of their bodies and saves them much in atom bills.

The president of this wonderful land is a man named Ben Casey. As soon as I receive your reply, I will travel to the capital, Hollywood, to make plans with him for an exchange of scientific knowledge.

Ecstasically,
Spasl

Art, Dramatics Join Club Roster

"How to succeed" is a popular phrase quoted by many teenagers of today, sometimes in jest, other times in all seriousness. It was with this idea in mind that Sister John Berchmans arranged for a Dramatic Society to be organized in Saint Brendan's.

This new activity, under the direction of its moderator, Sister Mary Robert, and its coach, Wayne Wright, will meet on Tuesdays and Fridays in room 301. If plans go according to schedule, the girls will present a one act play at Christmas, a comedy in February, and a Shakespearean play in the Spring.

An Art Club has also been added to the list of extra-curricular activities this year. Mrs. Izzo and Mrs. Charpentier will conduct classes each Thursday afternoon in the Art Room. In this way, special guidance will be given to those girls who wish to develop their talents in the various forms of art.

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Former Faculty Members Assume New Positions

With the opening of Philharmonic Hall, everyone has suddenly become very interested in conductors of music. Some of our conductors of knowledge, —perhaps not so well known, but equally devoted—have left Saint Brendan's, and taking their places are new Sisters who have already set their pace.

Sister Joseph Mary is keeping Bishop Kearney's English Department in harmony while Sister Theresa Immaculate from Blessed Sacrament, Valley Stream, will sustain our tempo.

Keeping traditional arrangements in Mathematics is Sister Dorothy Patricia from Saint Joseph's Commercial who has exchanged places with Sister Francis Patrice.

Chemical solutions in Saint Pascal Baylon will bubble in syncopation now that Sister Anita Rosaire is there. Our new instructor in atomic timing is Sister Mary Eugenio.

Coming from Catholic University of Puerto Rico is Sister Celestine to keep our library humming. Sister Grace Carmel is at Saint Pascal.

Saint Francis Xavier is the new home of Sister Grace Imelda while Sister Regina Carmel is here from Bishop McDonnell.

Mrs. Poster will acquaint us with Social Studies and Miss Duddy will assist Mrs. Farrell.

Book Review

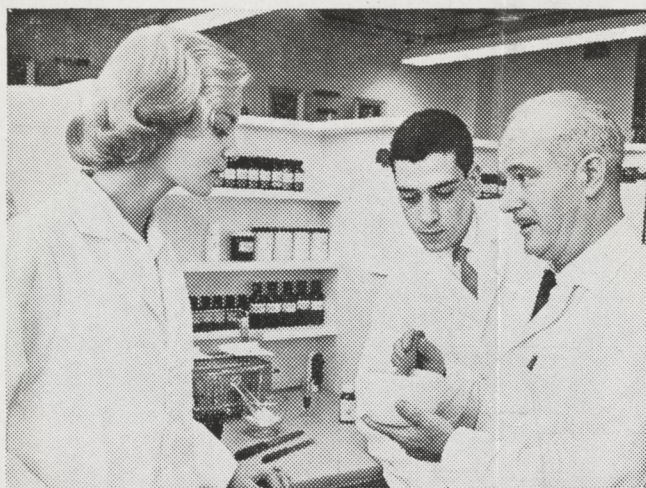
Wonder Winter by Robert Neill
Doubleday and Co., Inc. (\$4.50)

Robert Neill, author of several enjoyable historical novels in the past, including, "The Mills of Colne" has demonstrated to us his thorough knowledge and understanding of his English brethren. *Wonder Winter*, is an exciting, new romantic novel.

Wonder Winter is indeed worthwhile reading. Its plot has a freshness that stays the reader's interest throughout. Hugh Burnett, a new comer to Leroy Electricals in Monksbridge, is quite skilled in the field of advertising. He becomes involved in the tangled lives of a good many of the company-conforming executives and their status-seeking wives. Helen Ireby, a widow in whom Hugh is quite interested, abhors this corporation and its effect on the lives of its employees.

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